

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 1

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This measure would memorialize the Congress to approve legislation that allows a state to uniformly apply daylight saving time year round.

WHEREAS, The State of California is currently experiencing an energy crisis that imperils commercial and residential energy consumers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State of California to employ any and all means of energy reduction that will reduce reliance and pressure on energy infrastructure in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Daylight saving time was a widely used 20th century energy reduction tool that can be expanded to meet 21st century energy shortages; and

WHEREAS, A report by the California State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, issued May 2001 and entitled "Effects of Daylight Saving Time on California Energy Use," indicates that winter daylight saving time, as that term is defined in the report, would likely reduce electricity use by 3,400 megawatt hours per day and that summer double daylight saving time, as that term is defined in the report, would likely reduce electricity use by 1,500 megawatt hours per day, producing a cost savings of \$300,000,000 to \$1,025,000,000 per year for California ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Federal studies have shown that daylight saving time provides benefits in addition to energy use reduction, such as safer streets and highways during evening commute hours and reduction in crime due to increased hours of light in the evenings; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of California are being asked to make major changes in their personal and professional lives to conserve energy and would be grateful to receive the benefits of year-round daylight saving time in return; and

WHEREAS, Although neither standard time nor daylight saving time produce much energy reduction for the coldest states during the more frigid months of the year, California enjoys a temperate climate that

would afford greater reductions in energy use by utilizing a year-round daylight saving time plan than could be enjoyed by the coldest states; and

WHEREAS, The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 allows states to decline application of daylight saving time and provides states with the option of practicing standard time year round, but does not allow states to practice daylight saving time year round; and

WHEREAS, By applying daylight saving time uniformly, the State of California could avoid any inconsistencies in time application that would otherwise impact and confuse the broadcasting, rail, airline and motorcoach industries; and

WHEREAS, The State of California would greatly benefit from having the option of extending daylight saving time year round; and

WHEREAS, The State of California should have at its disposal any and every appropriate tool to triumph during this energy crisis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to approve legislation that allows a state to uniformly apply daylight saving time year round; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of the United States Congress, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the Governor of the State of California, the California State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the California Public Utilities Commission.